

## Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

### STATE OF ALASKA ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RE: Docket No. CO-22-001, Hilcorp's Spacing Exception Application for Pearl 2A Well

Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) by letter dated January 26, 2022, filed an application to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) for an exception to the spacing requirements of 20 AAC 25.055 to allow Pearl 2A well to be drilled, completed, tested and produced in the Undefined Gas Pool and the Ninilchik Beluga/Tyonek Gas Pool within 1,500 feet of a property line where the owners and landowners are not the same on both sides of the line, and within 1,500 feet from the exterior boundary of the Affected Area of Conservation Order 701C.

Well spacing regulations protect the oil and gas rights of adjacent landowners and maximize resource recovery by establishing default limits on how close, under the land's surface, oil and gas wells can be to each other and to property lines where ownership changes hands. These limits are set forth in a regulation, 20 AAC 25.055. Operators must abide by the default well spacing limits unless they apply for, and obtain, an exception to those limits. Although exceptions to the default well spacing requirements are not unusual, AOGCC carefully evaluates each application, and typically grants them only when actual geologic conditions demonstrate that the proposed subsurface location of a well is necessary to reach otherwise unreachable oil or gas and that both the rights of adjacent landowners and underground drinking water can be protected. As a general matter, AOGCC does not have extensive authority over surface impacts such as noise, emissions, or construction.

This notice does not contain all the information filed by Hilcorp. To obtain more information, visit the AOGCC Events webpage (<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/aogcc/Events.aspx>) or contact the AOGCC's Special Assistant, Grace Salazar, via email at [grace.salazar@alaska.gov](mailto:grace.salazar@alaska.gov).

A public hearing on the matter has been tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** The hearing, which may be changed to full virtual in the event of COVID-19 health and safety concerns, will be held in the AOGCC hearing room located at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501. The audio call-in information is (907) 202-7104 conference ID no. 140 716 787#. Anyone who wishes to participate remotely using MS Teams video conference should contact Ms. Salazar at least two business days before the scheduled public hearing to request an invitation for the MS Teams.

Please note, the hearing will be held if AOGCC receives written request by 4:30 p.m., February 18, 2022, indicating a significant degree of public interest. If a request for a hearing is not timely filed, the AOGCC may consider the issuance of an order without a hearing. To learn if the AOGCC will hold the hearing, call (907) 793-1221 or visit the AOGCC Events webpage after February 18, 2022.

To comment on Hilcorp's application, please file your comments by **4:30 p.m., February 28, 2022**, at the AOGCC address given above or via email at [aogcc.customer.svc@alaska.gov](mailto:aogcc.customer.svc@alaska.gov) or the State of Alaska Public Notices System (<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>).

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities who require special accommodations to comment or participate in the hearing should contact Ms. Salazar at (907) 793-1221, no later than February 28, 2022.

Jeremy M. Price  
Chair, Commissioner